DIRECTORS' MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 - 11:00 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR

- 1. NEWS RELEASE RE: Open House On Harris Overpass Project Planned For October 11th -(See Release)
- 2. NEWS ADVISORY RE: Mayor Seng and the City's project partners will have a ribbon cutting for the reopening of Holmes Lake & Park at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, October 6th -(See Advisory)
- 3. NEWS RELEASE RE: Section Of Pine Lake Road Expected To Reopen Friday -(See Release)
- 4. NEWS RELEASE RE: Open House Planned On Stormwater Drainage Improvements -(See Release)
- 5. NEWS RELEASE RE: Mayor Reopens Holmes Lake Following \$5.6 Million Renovation -(See Release)
- 6. Washington Report September 30, 2005.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/AUDIT

1. Report from Mark Leikam - RE: June 30, 2005 Annual Keno Audit Report - (See Report)

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Women Encouraged To Receive Breast Exams - (See Release)

LIBRARY

1. Memo from Carol J. Connor - RE: Prime Time Family Reading Time-(See Memo)

PLANNING

1. Letter from Jean Walker to Rick Peo, City Law Dept. - RE: Change of Zone #05065 & Miscellaneous #05021 (Text amendments to Title 27 and Title 26 relating to City Council action on items appealed from Planning Commission) -(See Letter)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- 1. Special Permit #05045 (North 67th & Starr Streets) Resolution # PC-00953.
- 2. Special Permit #05046 (Lighthouse -26th & N Streets) Resolution # PC-00954.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Letter & Map from Kenneth Smith, City Parking Manager - RE: Attention All Monthly Parkers: - New rates will be applied to all City of Lincoln parking facilities effective November 1, 2005 - (See Letter)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. E-Mail from Jane Raybould, B&R Stores, Inc. sent to Jon Camp - RE: Big Box Retailers and Health Insurance -(See E-Mail)

DAN MARVIN

1. Letter from Dan Marvin to Lancaster County Commissioners - RE: RUTS discussion -(See Letter)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. E-Mail from Concerned Citizen RE: Contract? (See E-Mail)
- 2. Faxed Media Release from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln RE: CHE Elects Officers-Election of 2005-2006 Officers -(See Release)
- 3. E-Mail from Karen DeBoer RE: Wanted to thank each of you for your diligence in the handling of the street issue at Madalyn & 56th, & surrounding areas -(See E-Mail)
- 4. Letter from The Vickeridge, Havelock Furniture and Cosmic Cowmerchants in Historic Havelock RE: Proposed Wal-Mart or Big Box retailer on North 84th Street -(See Letter)
- 5. Letter from Dan Welch, Omaha City Council President RE: "Thank-you" letter -(See Letter)
- 6. Letter from Del Ridder RE: Strong Opposition to another Wal-Mart in Lincoln -(See Letter)
- 7. E-Mail from Wayne Boles to Karl Fredrickson, PWU Director RE: Notification of Parking Rate Adjustments -(See E-Mail)
- 8. E-Mail & Letter from Don Pearston RE: Special Permit #05046 Appeal (See Material)
- 9. Letter & Material from Ron Davis RE: Each Going Our Own Way In The Future -(See Material)
- 10. Letters from Will Prout, Big John's Billiards, Inc. RE: The financial effect of the smoking ban on my business (See Letters)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 3, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Public Works, 441-7592

Linda Beacham or Andrea Bopp, The Schemmer Associates, 488-2500

OPEN HOUSE ON HARRIS OVERPASS PROJECT PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 11

The public is invited to an open house on the replacement of the Harris Overpass on Tuesday, October 11 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane. Deteriorating steel girders and concrete have created the need to replace the 50-year-old overpass, which carries "O" Street traffic over the rail yards from 3rd to 9th streets.

Mayor Coleen J. Seng has announced that following an extensive public opinion process, the overpass will close for reconstruction in 2007 for about one year. Closure of the overpass will save about \$5 million in construction costs and reduce construction time by about half, compared to an alternative option to have limited traffic during a two-year construction period.

At the open house, the public will be able to view potential design elements and give feedback on the appearance of the future bridge. Information also will be available on other project issues, including parking below the overpass and the impact on historic structures in the Haymarket area. City of Lincoln officials and representatives of The Schemmer Associates Architects and Engineers and Sinclair Hille Architects will be available to answer questions.

Construction costs for the bridge are estimated at about \$15 million. Currently, about \$15 million is available from non-City sources, including the Federal Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, which is administered locally by the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Railroad Transportation Safety District. Cost estimates will vary as final structural and aesthetic features are chosen with public input. The next step is to complete the design and bid the project. The City will provide incentives and penalty clauses in the contract to expedite the construction schedule.

The viaduct was completed in 1955 and is named in honor of John F. Harris, who donated the land for Pioneers Park

Additional information on the Harris Overpass project, including proposed detour routes, is available on the City Web site at <u>lincoln.ne.gov</u> or at <u>www.harrisoverpass.com</u>.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: October 5, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and the City's project partners will have a ribbon cutting for the reopening of Holmes Lake and Park at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, October 6 at the new pedestrian bridge closest to 70th Street on the north side of the lake.

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 5, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Charles Wilcox, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7532

SECTION OF PINE LAKE ROAD EXPECTED TO REOPEN FRIDAY

Pine Lake Road from Beaver Creek Lane to 56th Street is expected to reopen to local traffic Friday, October 7. The intersection of Pine Lake and 56th also will be open. About one week later, Pine Lake Road will close from just east of 56th to 61st streets. This section may remain closed until early summer 2006.

The closures are part of a two-year project to widen Pine Lake Road from two to four lanes from 40th to 61st streets. The project also includes sidewalk construction, street light installation and landscaping and the widening of 56th Street from Shadow Pines to Thompson Creek Boulevard. The 56th Street work is expected to begin after the work along Pine Lake from 56th to 61st streets is completed. The entire project is expected to be completed in the winter of 2006-2007.

The current detour route is 70th Street, Old Cheney, Highway 2 and 56th Street.

Additional information on this and other City Public Works and Utilities construction projects is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management, 901 North 6th Street., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7701, fax 441-8194

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 5, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ben Higgins, Watershed Management, 441-7589

Katie Tauer, E&A Consulting Group, 420-7217

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, October 13 to discuss proposed stormwater drainage improvements in central Lincoln. The informal meeting is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room D at Southeast High School, 2930 South 37th Street.

The project includes improvements that will be made to the existing storm drainage system which begins at South Street between 37th and 38th streets. The system continues south past Van Dorn Street, west onto Otoe Street and then south through Pawnee, Melrose and High streets. The project will add capacity to the stormwater system with the installation of new pipes and inlets. The project is now in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2006 and take four to five months.

At the open house, the project design team will be available to answer questions, and those attending will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed improvements.

For more information on the open house, the public can call Katie Tauer at the E&A Consulting Group, Inc., 420-7217. More information on this and other City Public Works and Utilities construction projects is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

J.J. Yost, Parks and Recreation, 441-8255

MAYOR REOPENS HOLMES LAKE FOLLOWING \$5.6 MILLION RENOVATION

Mayor Coleen Seng today cut a ribbon to officially reopen Holmes Lake following a two-year project to restore and improve the lake and surrounding park. The maximum lake depth will increase to 18.5 feet when the lake is completely refilled next spring. The project has extended the recreational life span of the lake by more than 100 years. A new 2.3-mile hiker/biker trail loop at the lake includes two new pedestrian bridges and ten new benches. The benches were funded through the Lincoln Cares program.

"Holmes Lake has been a place to hike, bike, fish and boat for more than four decades," said Mayor Seng. "It is the location of thousands of picnics, family gatherings and baseball games. The entire community will enjoy the renovated lake and the surrounding park area for countless generations of fun and enjoyment."

Mayor Seng thanked the City Parks and Recreation Department, the other project partners and the donors who provided funds for the \$5.6 million project. "I also want to thank residents of the area and users of the lake, park, observatory and golf course for their patience during the restoration process," she said. "I believe we all can agree that the outstanding long-term results are worth the short-term inconveniences."

Project partners include the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund. (A complete list of the partners and funders is on the attached fact sheet.)

The 110-acre Holmes Lake reservoir was built in 1962 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control and recreation. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the management of the lake and the surrounding park. More than 40 years of development and upstream agricultural use deposited excessive amounts of sediment in the lake that reduced the lake's depth, water quality and fishing conditions.

Holmes Lake Reopens Page Two October 6, 2005

Dredging and earth-moving operations, which began in July 2003, resulted in nearly 321,000 cubic yards of sediment being excavated from the lake bottom. About 2.4 miles of shoreline were stabilized with rock and native plants, and 10 acres of wetlands were created. Six new rock jetties were installed to protect shorelines and provide fishing access.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is restocking the lake with sport fish species that include largemouth bass, blue gill and channel catfish. A handicapped-accessible wooden pier was installed for fishing. The Holmes Lake Sailing Club assisted with the installation of new boat launch facilities along South Shoreline Drive. The project also included lighting improvements throughout the park and the expansion of parking lots at the Holmes Golf Course and Rickman's Dog Run.

The re-establishment of park landscaping will be completed in phases over the next several years. Reseeding of disturbed areas is being completed as conditions allow, and major tree planting efforts will begin this fall.

A Watershed Advisory Committee, formed in 2001, is working to reduce the threat of future pollution at Holmes Lake through public education, wetland enhancement and drainage improvement efforts.



Holmes Lake Project Fact Sheet



Holmes Lake is a 110-acre reservoir built for flood control purposes and recreation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1962. Lincoln Parks & Recreation is responsible for the management of the lake and the surrounding park. Lake and park restoration efforts were needed due to excessive amounts of sediment and nutrients being deposited in the lake from 40 years of development and agricultural use in its 5.2-square mile watershed. While the flood storage volume of the reservoir has not been compromised, sediment and organic deposits had reduced the lake's depth, deteriorated water quality, decreased aesthetics, and impaired recreational activities.

Project Vision Statement

"The Holmes Lake Restoration Project will enhance the aesthetic, economic, and environmental values of the watershed, and provide for long-term water quality and diverse recreational uses of the lake. It will be managed to support a healthy ecosystem for fish and wildlife, while maintaining flood control for the City of Lincoln"

Project Partners & Cooperators

City of Lincoln, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Environmental Trust, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Holmes Lake Watershed Advisory Council, Holmes Lake Sailing Club, Holmes Lake Golf Course, Hyde Observatory, Friends of the Dog Parks, and Olsson Associates



Funding Sources:

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Section 319 - \$2,250,000 Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Aquatic Habitat - \$1,777,000 Land & Water Conservation - \$125,000

Lincoln Parks & Recreation - \$800,000 Nebraska Environmental Trust - \$620,000 Holmes Lake Sailing Club, Abel Foundation, TierOne - \$6,000

Project Cost: \$5,578,000

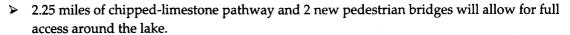
Primary Project Elements

- 320,750 cubic yards of sediment were excavated from the lake bottom. Approximately 239,750 cubic yards of this material was removed from the lake while the remainder was used to construct jetties, breakwaters, berms, and wetlands. Several truckloads of material were used for new planting beds in Sunken Gardens. Maximum lake depths were increased from 13.4 to 18.5 feet and the recreational life span of the lake has been extended by more than 100 years.
- ➤ 173,000 pounds of phosphorus and 289,000 pounds of nitrogen bound up in the bottom sediments were removed as part of the excavated material.





- 2.4 miles of lake shoreline were protected by installing 13,000 tons of rock and planting 8 species of native plants.
- > 10 acres of wetlands were created to filter out pollutants and provide habitat for birds, insects and fish.
- > 6 species of wetland plants were introduced in shallow areas to help protect shorelines and provide habitat.
- ➤ 6 rock jetties were installed to protect shorelines and provide fishing access.
- > 1 handicap accessible wood pier was installed for fishing.
- The lake was stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish.



- > 1 concrete boat ramp and floating dock (not yet installed) were added to provide an improved boat (non-motorized) launch facility.
- 10 new park benches were placed along the constructed pathway for park visitor use and comfort (funding for benches provided by the Lincoln Cares Program).
- 2 parking lot facilities (Dog Run & Golf Course) were expanded to improve public access to the park/lake facilities.
- > Numerous area lights were replaced and/or added throughout the surrounding park to increase public safety and comfort.
- ➤ Landscaping enhancements to be added in phases over the next several years to improve the park/lake environs and biodiversity.

What can be done to protect this resource?

Now that the lake project is done we are all charged with the task of protecting this valuable resource. In 2001, Watershed Advisory Council was formed. This council, which consists of interested citizens, will continue to work with governmental agencies, homeowners associations, developers, lake user groups, schools, and other interested parties to define and implement activities that will reduce the threat of pollution to Holmes Lake. Numerous watershed activities have already taken place including youth education, wetland enhancement, pet waste disposal, and drainage improvements. With everyone's help, Holmes Lake will continue to provide an excellent outdoor experience for future generations.







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FY 2006 HOMELAND SECURITY SPENDING FINALIZED

HOMELAND SECURITY

Homeland spending finalized; first responder formula increases threat-based funding levels. The conference report on the Homeland Security Appropriations bill (HR 2360) was unanimously approved yesterday and includes \$30.8 billion in discretionary spending for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and \$1 billion in mandatory spending, \$1.2 billion more than the president's request and \$1.4 billion more than fiscal year 2005.

The most debated aspect of the bill was a change in the manner in which some first responder money is distributed to the states. Conferees ultimately agreed to shift 60 percent of the \$550 million first responder grant funding from a population-based formula to one that gives the DHS Secretary latitude to base it on risk factors for high risk/high threat areas. Minimums for first responder grants will remain the same with all states receiving 0.75 percent of the available money.

Other highlights of the bill include:

- \$765 million for high-threat urban areas (\$885 million in FY 2005);
- \$175 million for port security grants (\$150 million in FY 2005);
- \$150 million for rail and transit security grants (same as FY 2005);
- \$655 million for firefighter assistance grants, including \$110 million for SAFER Act grants (\$715 million in FY 2005);
- \$185 million for emergency management performance grants (\$180 million in FY 2005)

The Senate and House are expected to approve the conference report next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

House votes to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. Until Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) became Chairman of Judiciary in 2001, Congress had not traditionally taken the time to pass reauthorizing legislation for Justice Department programs. Reauthorization of the department has since been an important goal for him as he seeks to gain greater control of agency programs, and on Wednesday the House passed this year's reauthorization bill (HR 3402).

The legislation authorizes appropriations for the Department of Justice through FY 2009 including core programs of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), such as the reauthorization of the STOP program formula grants and programs to combat sexual assault, domestic violence, and campus violence.

Highlights also include the consolidation of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and the Byrne Grant programs, which have been funded as one through the appropriations process since FY 2005; increases to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; a new Border Violence Task Force, and grants to support a juvenile witness assistance program. The bill would also require the U.S. Attorney General to report the number of suspected terrorists the United States detains each year who are legal residents or citizens. Also, the FBI would be required to establish a National Gang Intelligence Center and database to collect and disseminate gang activity to law enforcement officials among others.

The bill now moves to the Senate, although there is no indication as to when or if the Senate will consider the legislation. 2 September 30, 2005 Washington

TAX INCENTIVES

Supreme Court will review Ohio tax incentive program. The Supreme Court announced this week that it would review the validity of a State of Ohio tax incentive program that was used to encourage an automaker to build a new assembly plant in Toledo.

The program had been used thousands of times in the state until the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year that the practice violated the Constitution's Commerce Clause in that it favored companies expanding in one state over those expanding in another. Since there are similar types of incentive programs in virtually every state in the country, the case is expected to have significant impact. Supporters of the programs call them vital to economic development and job creation, while detractors believe that taxpayers are unnecessarily footing the bill for escalating competition for jobs.

The case, Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler, Inc., involves an agreement between the automaker and the City of Toledo in which the City and two local school districts gave the company a ten-year, 100 percent property tax exemption, and an investment tax credit of 13.5 percent against the state corporate franchise tax for certain investments. The value of those tax credits were estimated at \$280 million. In return, DaimlerChrysler agreed to construct a new vehicle assembly plant in Toledo near the company's existing plant. The company estimated the project to cost \$1.2 billion and create several thousand new jobs in the region.

Earlier this year, Senator George Voinovich (R-OH) and Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH) introduced legislation (S 1066, HR 2471) that is intended to protect state incentive programs like the one in Ohio that encourage economic development. No activity has been scheduled in either chamber on the bills.

ENERGY

House expected to vote next week on energy legislation that would preempt local control. Early Thursday morning, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved by voice vote Chairman Joe Barton's (R-TX) Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005 (HR 3893).

The bill is designed to boost construction of oil refineries and pipelines, by relaxing Clean Air Act rules and speeding up environmental permit approvals. The bill would also accelerate the process for obtaining environmental permits for constructing new refineries and would preempt state and local government authority to decide where refinery facilities are placed. The bill would also direct the President to give precedence to siting refineries on federal lands and former military bases.

Opponents of the measure maintain it would sacrifice environmental protections to help an industry that is already profiting from high energy prices. They also point out that many of the provisions were excluded from comprehensive energy legislation signed into law this summer because of their controversial nature, and have criticized Barton for his expedited consideration of the measure. Barton holds that the bill is a response to gasoline supply problems caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Next week, the House is expected to vote on an energy package, comprised of Barton's refinery bill and a companion energy measure that was approved by the Resources Committee earlier in the week. That measure would authorize oil production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and would make it easier for coastal states to approve leases for oil and natural gas drilling in federal waters. It would also offer a limited lease sale in ANWR.

While the bill is expected to pass the House, it is likely to face problems in the Senate, where there has been strong opposition to exploration in ANWR, as well as strong support for an existing ban on leasing in federally controlled coastal waters.

ENVIRONMENT

EPA issues wastewater pretreatment rule; seeks comment on removal credits. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule governing the pretreatment of wastewater by industrial users before it is discharged to municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Dubbed "pretreatment streamlining," the rule is designed to reduce paperwork for industrial dischargers and for municipalities. Under the Clean Water Act, local governments that own wastewater treatment plants must regulate industrial dischargers to ensure that they remove pollutants from their waste stream that might damage municipal wastewater pipes and treatment plants as well as the waterways that are the final destination of wastewater.

The new rule will allow local governments to grant industrial users waivers from pretreatment requirements, including sampling, in cases where the industrial user can document that the pollutant is not present at the facility or in its waste stream. Currently, local governments must require that industrial users sample their wastewater streams for all pollutants listed in the pretreatment regulation. The new rule will also give local government greater flexibility to issue general discharge permits to industrial users that use similar pretreatment techniques.

EPA is concurrently asking for comments on the removal credit portion of the rule. Removal credits allow municipalities to waive pretreatment requirements for industrial users if the municipality's wastewater treatment plant can consistently remove pollutants that are generally targeted in the pretreatment stage. EPA is specifically seeking comments on whether it should propose amending the list of pollutants eligible for removal credits, and whether there are any options to amend the "consistent removal" provision in the removal credit regulation. Comments are due in 60 days and the final rule and the request for comments can be found

www.epa.gov/npdes/pretreatment.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Congress targets avian flu. The Senate approved an amendment to the FY 2006 Defense Appropriations bill (HR 2863) that would allocate \$3.9 billion to strengthen the nation's capacity to prevent and treat a feared pandemic that most health officials agree poses a serious threat to public health. Offered by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), the amendment was adopted by voice vote.

The bulk of the funds, \$3.1 billion, would go toward stockpiling of vaccines and antiviral drugs. Health officials say that the antiviral drugs are especially important because avian flu is a newly mutated strain of the flu virus that most human immune systems are ill prepared to fight.

Another large part of the funding, \$600 million, would be for grants to state and local public health agencies for emergency preparedness, increased funding for emergency preparedness centers, and expanded hospital surge capacity.

Of the remainder of the funds:

- \$33 million would go to global surveillance relating to avian flu
- \$125 million would be spent on increasing the national investment in domestic vaccine infrastructure including development and research
- \$75 million would be for risk communication and outreach to providers, businesses, and to the American public

The Harkin amendment dubs the funds emergency spending, meaning that they are not subject to the discretionary spending caps outlined in the Budget Resolution.

UPDATES

The following are brief updates on matters covered in previous issues of the *Washington Report*.

Continuing Resolution

With the start of the FY 2006 beginning on October 1 with only 2 of 11 FY 2006 spending bills signed into law, Congress approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) this week that will fund federal programs under the jurisdiction of yet-to-beapproved FY 2006 appropriations bills through November 18. The CR includes a very tight spending scheme in that it funds programs until that time at the lowest of three possible levels: FY 2006 as approved by the House; FY 2006 as approved the by the Senate, or FY 20005 as enacted. For example, while the Senate has yet to act on the HHS budget, the House proposes a 50 percent cut for the Community Services Block Grant in FY 2006 and so the program will be funded at that rate for now. In addition, the Community Development Block Grant program will be reduced by approximately 6 percent over the life of the CR. See September 23 Washington Report for additional details.

Endangered Species

The House approved legislation to overhaul the Endangered Species Act (ESA) this week, after narrowly rejecting a Democratic alternative. The measure marks the most significant revisions to the ESA in over 30 years. The bill would eliminate critical habitat designations and replace them with recovery plans that opponent derided as unenforceable. It would also include a program to pay private landowners for land that they are no longer able to farm or develop as a result of species recovery. That plan would have been eliminated under the substitute that was defeated 216-206, and the White House has also expressed concern with the potential \$3 billion pricetag. The Senate is not expected to take up ESA reform until next year. See September 23 Washington Report for additional details.

Independent Accountants' Report and Financial Statements

June 30, 2005



June 30, 2005

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Independent Accountants' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Lincoln, Nebraska

We have examined the assertions of management of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (City) and Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. (Operator) that the accompanying Summary of Keno Lottery Activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 is presented in accordance with the regulations of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act set forth in Note 1. The management of the City of Lincoln and Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. are responsible for the assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Summary of Keno Lottery Activity and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the summary referred to above presents, in all material respects, the Summary of Keno Lottery Activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 based on State of Nebraska regulations set forth in Note 1

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the City of Lincoln, Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. and the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Charitable Gaming Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

August 18, 2005

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Summary of Keno Lottery Activity Year Ended June 30, 2005

Keno Revenues		
Gross proceeds		\$ 21,065,985
Declared prizes	\$ 15,347,122	
Unclaimed wins	 (79,361)	
Net prizes paid		 15,267,761
Net hold		5,798,224
Allowable Expenses Paid		
Lottery operator's commission		(2,738,578)
Transfer to prize reserve		 (31,047)
Net keno proceeds		3,028,599
Expenses Paid by City of Lincoln		
Administrative expenses	210,660	
State of Nebraska keno taxes	421,320	
Payment to Village of Malcolm	9,909	
Payment to Lancaster County	 714,632	
Total expenses paid		 (1,356,521)
City of Lincoln proceeds available for community betterment		1,672,078
Funds Used for Community Betterment		(1,755,663)
Other Revenues		
Interest Income		94,206
Other		 39,009
Net increase in fund balance		 49,630
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year, As Previously Reported		3,047,754
Adjustment Applicable to Prior Year		 711,104
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year, As Restated		 3,758,858
Fund Balance at End of Year		\$ 3,808,488

Summary of Keno Lottery Activity Year Ended June 30, 2005 Prize Reserve Fund Reconciliation For The Year Ended June 30, 2005

Prize reserve balance, July 1, 2004		\$ 251,687
Increases to reserve	\$ 187,133	
Withdrawals from reserve	(156,086)	
Net transfers to reserve		 31,047
Prize reserve balance, June 30, 2005		\$ <u> 282,734</u>

Notes to Summary of Keno Lottery Activity Year Ended June 30, 2005

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Summary of Keno Lottery Activity predominately includes keno gaming activity performed under contract by Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. and other revenues that the City of Lincoln has deemed to be part of City sponsored gaming operations. The Summary of Keno Lottery Activity is presented in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America nor is it intended to present any other activity of Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. or the City of Lincoln.

The Summary of Keno Lottery Activity is prepared on an accrual basis of accounting. Gross keno proceeds include gross amounts wagered on keno games. Prizes paid consist of payouts to winning keno players.

Note 2: Contract With City of Lincoln

Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. operates under a contract with the City of Lincoln through March 2008. Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. receives up to 13% of the gross proceeds from keno games, with a minimum of 65% of the gross keno proceeds being paid to winning keno players. The City of Lincoln receives no less than 14% of the gross keno proceeds plus unclaimed winning keno tickets and is responsible for payment of a 2% gross keno proceeds tax to the State of Nebraska.

Note 3: Reconciliation to City of Lincoln Special Revenue Fund (Unaudited)

The City of Lincoln accounts for its share of gaming proceeds in two governmental-type funds. The City accounts for such fund activity on a modified accrual basis while the financial summary of keno lottery activity is presented on an accrual basis as described in Note 1. Presented below is a reconciliation of fund balance of the keno funds to the Summary of Keno Lottery Activity as of June 30, 2005.

Fund balance at June 30, 2005 – Keno Funds	\$ 3,799,126
Additions	
June 2005 keno proceeds received in July	94,849
June 2005 unclaimed wins	4,526
June 2005 pickle card proceeds	98
Total additions	99,473
Total additions	77,413

Notes to Summary of Keno Lottery Activity Year Ended June 30, 2005

Note 3: Reconciliation to City of Lincoln Special Revenue Fund (Unaudited) - Continued

Deductions June 2005 proceeds due Lancaster County June 2005 proceeds due Village of Malcolm June 2005 State of Nebraska keno taxes paid in July June 2005 administrative expenses paid in July	\$ 47,180 1,133 27,865 13,933	
Total deductions		\$ 90,111
Fund balance at June 30, 2005 - Summary of Keno Lottery Activity		\$ 3,808,488

Note 4: Letter of Credit

A letter of credit, expiring May 11, 2006, has been established for \$200,000 to provide funds for any payouts in excess of available cash funds. Another letter of credit, expiring March 8, 2006, in the amount of \$250,000 was obtained to provide performance bonds in accordance with the terms of the Contract between the City of Lincoln and Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. At June 30, 2005, no amounts had been drawn on either letter of credit.

Note 5: Adjustment to Beginning Fund Balance

As mentioned in Note 3, the City maintains two governmental-type funds to account for all gaming activities in which the City participates, including Keno Lottery Activity. The adjustment to include other gaming activity results in the beginning fund balance being increased by \$711,104, and is comprised of the following:

Thoroughbred tax settlement proceeds	\$ 296,246
Human Service funds provided by Lancaster County	346,486
Net pickle card proceeds	31,781
Fire settlement proceeds	28,099
Donation from Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services, Ltd.	5,000
Miscellaneous	3,492
	\$711,104



Independent Accountants' Report on Application of Agreed-Upon Procedures

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Lincoln, Nebraska

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (Sponsor) and the Nebraska Department of Revenue, solely to assist you in evaluating management's assertion about the City of Lincoln and Lincoln's Big Red Lottery Services Ltd. (Operator) keno locations compliance with Nebraska County and City Lottery Regulations and related Revenue Ruling 35-96-3 issued by the Nebraska Department of Revenue, for the year ended June 30, 2005. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. We recalculated that the prize payouts were at least 65% of the gross proceeds of keno activity for the year ended June 30, 2005.
- 2. We recalculated and found that less than 1% of gross keno proceeds were used by the Sponsor for audit and legal expenses to operate the keno activity, and audit and legal fees were included in the amount used to calculate the allowable expenses.
- 3. We recalculated and found that less than 14% of the gross keno proceeds were used by the Sponsor for the expenses to operate the keno activity.
- 4. We found that the Sponsor does have procedures to ensure that adequate documentation and records are maintained.
- 5. We found that for the year ended June 30, 2005, the Sponsor lottery received a waiver from the Nebraska Department of Revenue and did not keep lottery funds in a separate bank account.

We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the specified requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

August 18, 2005

BKD, LLA

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Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1088 402 392-1040 Fax 402 392-1772

Fax 402 473-7698







LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000 Fax: 441-8323 or 441-6229

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 29, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nancy Malone, 441-6264

WOMEN ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE BREAST EXAMS

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department wants to remind women that regular breast health exams save lives. According to the 2002 Nebraska Cancer Registry, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women and the second most frequent cause of female cancer deaths. From 1998-2002, more than 6,400 women were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and over 1,200 women died from it. Since 1990, the rate of breast cancer deaths has declined, both in Nebraska and nationally, while the rate of breast cancer diagnoses has increased. This is probably due to the increased use of mammography and clinical breast examination for breast cancer screening.

In October, information about the Every Woman Matters program will be available in conjunction with health screenings on the Mobile Health Clinic of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at the Lincoln Indian Community Church (30th & Starr), October 11th, 1-3pm, and SunMart South (17th & South), October 20th, 3-5pm. Health screenings are free and will include blood pressure, cholesterol and a blood sugar (glucose) checks, body mass index, and resting heart rate.

Every Woman Matters program staff from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will be available with displays to provide information and assist with program enrollment at the following Lincoln locations:

- Plaza-Mart Pharmacy (11th & G), October 4th, 2-4pm
- SunMart (1340 West O St.), October 6th, 4-6pm
- Four Star Drug (1340 N. 66th),October 7th, 10am-12Noon
- Bag 'n Save (4615 Vine St.),October 7th, 1-3pm
- Village Market (3211 S. 13th), October 7th, 4-6pm
- Russ's Market (63rd & Havelock Ave.),October 12th, 4-6pm
- Russ's Market (17th & Washington),October 13th, 4-6pm
- Russ's Market (1515 S. Coddington), October 20th, 4-6pm

Every Woman Matters, a program funded through Nebraska Health and Human Services, provides income-eligible women, 40-64 years, an opportunity to receive regular breast and cervical health screenings, mammograms, and Pap tests when they may not be able to afford the costs. In addition, women may receive health screenings including blood pressure and cholesterol checks, and a blood sugar (glucose) check. For more information, contact Every Woman Matters at 441-6264.



DATE: October 3, 2005

TO: Mayor Seng, Lincoln City Council Members,

Lancaster County Commissioners

FROM: Carol J. Connor, Library Director

SUBJECT: Prime Time Family Reading Time

October 5 through November 9, 2005, Lincoln City Libraries will present PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME® in partnership with the Nebraska Humanities Council and Lincoln Literacy Council.

Loren Corey Eiseley Branch Library at 1530 Superior Street will host this six week family literacy program. Spanish-speaking families including children aged six to ten will participate in this free reading, discussion and storytelling series. Pre-registration is required; the program is now full.

At each session, participants will eat dinner together and then join a storytelling and discussion time. Preschoolers will enjoy their own activities. All participants will learn about the library, register for library cards if necessary, be encouraged to read aloud together at home, and to use the library often.

City and County elected officials are invited to observe or join in a PRIME TIME session on any Wednesday evening, 6:00 to 8:00, during the six-week program. Please contact Pat Leach at 441-8565 if you wish to attend.

PRIME TIME partners include the Nebraska Humanities Council, the Lincoln Literacy Council, and Lincoln City Libraries. This PRIME TIME series is funded by grants from the Lincoln Community Foundation, the Lincoln Community Outreach Fund, and Target Stores. Nationally, PRIME TIME is organized by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

Locally, Pat Leach of Lincoln City Libraries is leading the partnership. The PRIME TIME team includes Ricardo Garcia as storyteller, Joel Gajardo as discussion leader, Marco Pedroza and Maria Al-kafaji as preschooler leaders, Marvin Almy of the Lincoln Literacy Council and Erika Hamilton of the Nebraska Humanities Council.

This is Lincoln's second PRIME TIME experience; in 2002, the Bennett Martin Public Library was the host site of a series for English-speaking families.

PRIME TIME, an award-winning family literacy program, is based on a successful series of the same name that began in 1991 at the East Baton Rouge (LA) Parish Library and spread to surrounding states with National Endowment for the Humanities funding. Since its inception, over 15,000 individuals have participated in more than 500 PRIME TIME programs in 36 states and the Virgin Islands.



MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department Marvin S. Krout, Director

Jon Carlson, Chair City-County Planning Commission

> 555 South 10th Street Suite 213 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 402-441-7491 fax: 402-441-6377

October 4, 2005

Rick Peo City Law Department

RE:

Change of Zone No. 05065 and Miscellaneous No. 05021 (Text amendments to Title 27 and Title 26 relating to City Council action on items appealed from Planning Commission)

Dear Rick:

On September 28, 2005, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission held public hearing on the above referenced text amendments and voted 9-0 to recommended approval, as set forth in the staff reports dated September 15, 2005.

Please be advised that these applications will appear on the City Council agenda for introduction on October 10, 2005, and the public hearing will be held on *Monday, October 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.*

The Factsheets submitted by the Planning Department to the City Council, which contain the staff report, the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, all correspondence and any other information submitted on these applications, may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/index.htm. The Factsheets will be linked to the respective Council agenda. The Factsheets are also available in the Planning Department.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information (402-441-6365) or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

,≲ilacerely,

Jean Walker

Administrative Officer

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City Council



PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

NOTIFICATION

TO

Mayor Coleen Seng

Lincoln City Council

FROM:

Jean Walker, Planning

DATE:

September 30, 2005

RE

Special Permit No. 05045

(North 67th and Starr Streets) **Resolution No. PC-00953**

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2005:

Motion made by Strand, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Special Permit No. 05045**, with conditions, requested by Jason Robinson, for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard to construct an addition to the existing structure located at North 67th Street and Starr Street. Motion to approve carried 8-0: Krieser, Pearson, Larson, Strand, Carroll, Esseks, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes'; Taylor absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

CC:

Building & Safety Rick Peo, City Attorney Public Works Jason Robinson, 1404 North 67th Street, 68505

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00953

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 05045

1	WHEREAS, Jason Robinson has submitted an application designated as
2	Special Permit No. 05045 for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling
3	into the required front yard to construct an addition to the existing structure located at
4	North 67th Street and Starr Streets, and legally described as:
5 6 7 8 9	The south half of Lots 4, 5, and 6, block 65, Bethany Heights, and the south half of Lot 5, Block 3, Endowment Place, located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
10	WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has
11	held a public hearing on said application; and
12	WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
13	and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion
14	of a non-standard single-family dwelling will not be adversely affected by granting such
15	a permit; and
16	WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
17	hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln
18	and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the
19	public health, safety, and general welfare.

1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
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2	County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Jason Robinson, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard to construct an addition to the residence on property described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

- 1. This permit approves the expansion of a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard setback along Starr Street for the purpose of an addition.
- 2. The expansion shall not extend further into the required front yard than the furthest extension of the existing dwelling.
 - 3. The expansion shall meet the height limit of the zoning district.
 - 4. The use of the main structure shall remain a single- or two-family use.
- 5. Before receiving building permits, Applicant must submit an ownership certificate.
- 6. Before occupying the addition all development and construction must conform to the approved plans.
- 7. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

- 1 8. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the 2 Permittee, its successors and assigns.
 - 9. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this <u>28</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2005.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

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Chief Assistant City Attorney

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

NOTIFICATION

TO

Mayor Coleen Seng

Lincoln City Council

FROM:

Jean Walker, Planning

DATE:

September 30, 2005

RE

Special Permit No. 05046

(Lighthouse - 26th & N Streets) **Resolution No. PC-00954**

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2005:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Strand, to approve **Special Permit No. 05046**, with conditions, requested by the Lighthouse, for authority to construct a nonprofit educational and philanthropic institution, on property generally located at 26th and N Streets.

Motion to approve, with conditions, carried 6-3: Krieser, Taylor, Larson, Strand, Carroll and Sunderman voting 'yes'; Pearson, Esseks and Carlson voting 'no'.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission

Attachment

CC:

Building & Safety

Rick Peo, City Attorney

Public Works

Bill Michener, Lighthouse, 2530 N Street, 68510

Jerry Luth, 1140 O Street, 68508

Woods Park Neighborhood Association contacts (5)

Joy Holmes, 315 S. 26th, 68510

Jayne Sebby, 320 S. 29th, 68510

Don Pearston, 229 S. 26th, 68510

RESOLUTION NO. PC- 00954

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 05046

1	WHEREAS, Lighthouse has submitted an application designated as
2	Special Permit No. 05046 for authority to construct a nonprofit educational and
3	philanthropic institution on property generally located at 26th and N Streets and legally
4	described as:
5 6 7	Lots 104, 105, 106, and 107 I.T., located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska;
8	WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has
9	held a public hearing on said application; and
0	WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
1	and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this nonprofit
2	educational and philanthropic institution will not be adversely affected by granting such
3	a permit; and
4	WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
5	hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln
6	and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the
7	public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Lighthouse, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to construct a nonprofit educational and philanthropic institution, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.580 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said institution be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

- 1. This approval permits a non-profit educational and philanthropic institution with up to 5 staff to serve approximately 30 program participants.
 - 2. Make the following revisions to the site plan:
 - a. Add a note to the site plan showing parking calculations.
 - Add a note to the site plan stating all signage shall conform to the district regulations set forth in LMC Chapter 27.69.
 - Revise the plans to show all existing street trees and add a note stating all existing street trees will remain.
 - d. Add a note to the site plan stating the building appearance shall substantially comply with the approved elevations. Minor changes may be allowed following a review by the Planning Director.
 - e. Revise the parking lot screening to comply with design standards, or add a note stating parking lot screening and landscaping will be shown at the time of building permits.

Before receiving building permits:

- a. The Permittee shall have submitted a revised final plan including 5
 copies and the plans are acceptable.
 - b. The construction plans shall comply with the approved plans.
 - c. The operation and the premises are to meet appropriate local and state licensing requirements, including compliance with health codes.
 - 4. Before occupying the facility all development and construction shall have been completed in compliance with the approved plans.
 - 5. All privately-owned improvements shall be permanently maintained by the Permittee.
 - 6. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.
 - 7. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, its successors and assigns.
 - 8. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

ı	The foregoing Resolution was approve	ed by the Emcoin City-Lancaster County
2	Planning Commission on this 28 day of _	September, 2005.
		ATTEST:
		Jon also
		Chair
	Approved as to Form & Logality:	

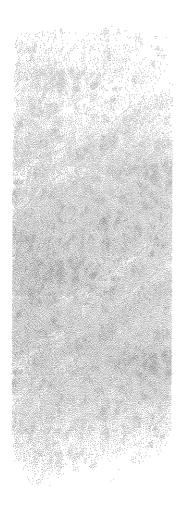
Chief Assistant City Attorney



MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Public Works and Utilities Department Karl Fredrickson, Director 555 South 10th Street Suite 203 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 402-441-7548 fax: 402-441-8609





Attention All Monthly Parkers:

Recent studies indicate that there is an adequate parking supply in the downtown to meet the current customer demand. However, even though we have added numerous parkers to the current facilities, waiting lists still remain at a number of facilities. To address this situation, new rates will be applied to all City of Lincoln parking facilities effective November 1, 2005. The new rates will take a market driven approach to the downtown parking demand and make the most out of underutilized facilities. To accomplish this, rates have been lowered at facilities which are underutilized and increased at facilities where waiting lists exist. Our goal is to create an economic choice for customers based on personal convenience to their destination and give us the opportunity to shift high parking demands to other facilities and eliminate waiting lists.

The City of Lincoln's Parking System is a self-supporting entity and by implementing the new rates, we will continue to maintain our current financial status which will allow construction of a new parking facility in the very near future.

Please review the map and a rate schedule for City parking facilities. We recommend that you take advantage of the lower rates offered at the selected facilities.

Thank you for your business and if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Parking Office at (402) 441-6472.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Smith City Parking Manager







To tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Fwd: Big Box Retailers and Health Insurance FW: HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (September29,

Tammy

Please share this info from Jane Raybould of the B & R Stores regarding the Wal-Mart issue.

Jon

Jon Camp Lincoln City Council City Council Office: 441-8793

Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

----Original Message-----

From: Jane Raybould < jane@brstores.com>

To: campjon@aol.com

Sent: Fri, 30 Sep 2005 11:00:15 -0500

Subject: Big Box Retailers and Health Insurance FW: HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (September 29,

Jon,

Thank you for your time visiting with us yesterday. I appreciate all

your questions and hopefully, I answered them all to your satisfaction.

If not, please let me know if I can get the information you need. Here

is something along the lines of requiring big box retailers to contribute to a state's health care fund in New York. I will get you

the information on what was the outcome with the Maryland legislature....still checking.

Jane

Jane Raybould
Buildings and Equipment Director
B & R Stores, Inc.
4554 W Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402) 464-6297

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(402) 434-5733 FAXjane@brstores.com---- Original Message ----
From: "Sam Levine" <ugotsam@gotsystems.net>
To: <ugotsam@gotsystems.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2005 8:47 AM
Subject: HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (September 29,
> HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (September 29, 2005) - Suffolk County lawmakers
here
voted
> 17 to 1 in favor a bill that would require non-union grocery
retailers
> set aside money to pay for health care costs. The measure would
> retail stores of more than 25,000 square feet devoted to
groceries, or
> stores of 100,000 square feet devoting 3% of floor space to
groceries,
to
> spend a certain amount on worker health care. For Wal-Mart
Stores,
which
> operates five stores in Suffolk County, the cost would be
around $3
per
hour
> for its workers, according to the United Food and Commercial
Workers
union,
> which lobbied for the bill's passage. In addition to Wal-Mart,
CVS,
> Target and BJ's Wholesale Club would likely be affected,
reports said.
> bill can become law if approved by Steve Levy, the county
executive.
> bill is similar to a measure passed by the New York City
Council
recently
> that was subsequently vetoed by Mayor Mike Bloomberg.
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Monday, October 03, 2005

Lancaster County Commissioners County-City Building 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: RUTS

Dear Commissioners,

First off, I want to thank Commissioners Deb Schorr and Ray Stevens for their votes in support of the RUTS plan. As I said in the Common meeting today, I am concerned about the dramatic shift in funding suggested by Commissioner Workman. When I visited with Commissioner Hudkins about the RUTS plan, he said that the goal was a 50 / 50 sharing arrangement.

There are clearly benefits that the city derives from a roadway that we can grow into at a lower cost. I can accept paying for a benefit, and the cost that was advertised was an approximate 50 / 50 cost share.

Remember, these are roads that are built in the county – within the three-mile limit. Often I hear people describe these as city roads but they aren't. They are county roads built in a way so that years down the road, when we annex, city taxpayers incur less expense.

My objection is to using a countywide property tax (as I believe the Workman plan suggested) to pay for the county's half of the RUTS plan. I do not believe Commissioner Workman understands how dramatically this changes the proposition.

Below is an illustration of both parties using wheel taxes (as was originally suggested) to settle their respective costs:

	county share	city share	total cost	city's %
Original agreement	inal agreement 1,000,000		2,000,000	50%

In this illustration each taxing authority pays in one million dollars and the sources are from taxpayers living within their respective districts.

Commissioner Workman's proposal is to use a countywide property tax. 85% of Lancaster County's taxes come from residents in the City of Lincoln. The following is an example using property taxes:

	county share	city portion of county	city share	Total city	total cost	city's %
Workman						
proposal	1,000,000	850,000	1,000,000	1,850,000	2,000,000	93%

Workman's proposal has a dramatic impact on the cost of building roads in the county to city taxpayers. The sharing arrangement is no longer a 50 / 50 cost share, but instead becomes a 93 / 7 cost share, with city residents footing 93% of the cost.

As I said, there are benefits to city taxpayers long term from building roads in the county that will not require the transitional costs of grading, right-of-way acquisition and complete closure during improvements (because the road is built at an offset). As I remember, dealing with these issues upfront costs between \$200,000 and \$300,000 dollars per mile of road. If three miles of road were built each year (six times what the county presently is building) then the contribution, by the city, of a million dollars to the cause would approximate the added cost of building a RUTS road.

The Workman plan would make building county roads almost entirely a cost back to city taxpayers; this is not fair or equitable.

There are other issues that are peripheral to this debate, but I believe they play out long term to bringing the community together. There is a lot of finger pointing about the street bond issue's failure; one issue that is brought up is the inequity between city and county residents on wheel taxes. Equalizing between the two has benefits beyond paying for a RUTS road.

In the SRT committee when we looked at the cost of RUTS and how to pay for it we looked at only extending the wheel tax to the unincorporated county residents and exempting farm vehicles. This generated sufficient funds. Hickman and Waverly were not part of the equation and if they were left in, it was understood that those funds were to be left out of the RUTS program and used to benefit those communities.

But funding was not part of your vote last week, it was only to create a JPA entity and funding discussions would have followed. The effect of the killing of the JPA was to preclude the use of wheel taxes in the county and may result in the use other funding sources that I believe draw inherently more revenue from city taxpayers, which I believe violates the spirit of our agreement.

I am glad the issue was put on pending. Perhaps you can revisit it in the near future. I will leave you with the words of a former public works director of Omaha, now an Omaha City Council member: "When you figure it out [the interface with the county roads] you will be king." I thought it was worked out, and hope that you resurrect it.

Sincerely,

Dan Marvin



To Council@lincoln.ne.gov cc bcc

Subject Contract?

We see that the new magazine, Living Well, from the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging is on the Mayor's/Aging website. Very interesting, but close to half advertising and where is the news from the rural counties the agency also serves? Also, we have a difficult time understanding how printing in color can be cost effective? We are still waiting for our copy to be mailed to us.

Of larger concern, is where is the contract with News Link, the printer of the magazine, as listed on page 3? We have looked at all the 2005 Bidding Opportunites & Awards on the City Finance/Purchasing information on their website, that is available to the general city public, and find no reference to News Link or does it have another name? Or is there a change in city policy and printing no longer needs to be bid?

We do appreciate all the information the public has available to them on the City's website and find it very valuable.

Thanks in advance for your answer.

Yahoo! for Good

Click here to donate to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.



Media Release

To:

Media

CC:

Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council

From:

Lori Seibel, Executive Director, 436-5516

Date:

9/29/2005

Re:

Election of 2005-2006 Officers

Community Health Endowment Elects Officers

The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln has elected officers for 2005-2006. They are:

President:

Janet Coleman

Community Volunteer

Vice-President:

Dan Anderson

Pittenger and Anderson, Inc.

Secretary:

Carol Ott Schacht

Talent+

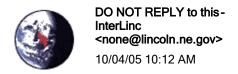
Treasurer:

Bill Lester

Ameritas

New Board Members: Richard Boucher, Boucher Law Firm; Mary Jane Humphrey, Community Volunteer; Ed Wimes, Human Resources, UNL

Returning Board Members: Helen Meeks, State Department of Health and Human Services; Christi Chaves, St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; Bruce Dart, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Dr. Chuck Erickson, Community Volunteer; Robert Lanik, St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; Marty Ramirez, Psychological Counseling, UNL; ST Williams, Community Volunteer; Lynn Wilson, BryanLGH Health System.



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Karen DeBoer Address: 5500 Pine Lake Rd

City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 489-8888(w) 420-9462(h)

Fax:

Email: kdeboer@lincolnurologypc.com

Comment or Ouestion:

I wanted to thank each of your for your diligence in the handling of the street issues at Madalyn and 56th, and surrounding areas. This has been an enlightening process for me personally, as I have had the chance to see our city government in action. I have gained a new appreciation for the time, effort and dedication you have displayed as advocates for the betterment of the Lincoln community. While I can write this with a smile because the outcome was as I had hoped, I can say I would have still been impressed with the council had it not gone "my way" because of the obvious concern you had for our neighborhood and business (Urology, PC). As a neighborhood resident and office manager of the clinic, this issue was especially important to me, both personally and professionally.

Thank you for the time and effort you put into what I am sure can often feel like a thankless job. You are all appreciated!

Best Regards,

Karen DeBoer Office Manager Urology, P.C. 10:

Lincoln City Council Members

FROM:

The Vickeridge, Havelock Furniture and Cosmic Cow

merchants in Historic Havelock

DATE:

September 29, 2005

SUBJECT:

Proposed Wal-Mart or Big Box retailer on North 84th Street

We, as Historic Havelock business owners have concerns regarding the proposed Wal-Mart Super Center to be built on 84th Street

First, we ask that you stand by the decision you made earlier this year to not allow a big box retailer such as Wal-Mart at 84th Street. The earlier action was for land to be annexed and zoned as a "community center." Council members did not pass this and we are grateful for your decision. Now this issue has come back again, proposing that a big box retailer such as Wal-Mart be allowed to build in the newly annexed and zoned "neighborhood center." The planning commission materials stated what the city considers a neighborhood center. Clearly, a Wal-Mart Super Center does not fit into the vision of a neighborhood center. Many people have complained that the 27th Street Wal-Mart Super Center is too large for the space that it occupies. How can even a larger Super Center or big box retailer even be proposed for this location?

Please do not be fooled by the tax revenue that a Wal-Mart Super Center would generate. Small retailers in this community pay taxes as well and there will be less tax revenue gained by the city if all the small retailers in the city are forced out of business by retailers such as Wal-Mart. This "big box" retailer jeopardizes the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship. Revenue made by local retailers is more likely to stay in Lincoln, whereas revenue made from Wal-Mart is not invested back into the community.

Will the law enforcement of this city be able to handle the number of calls to Wal-Mart on a daily basis? Recently, in one day's time, there were 12 calls to the Wal-Mart on North 27th Street. What about transients or those who loiter in the Wal-Mart parking lot? How will they be handled? The Lincoln Police Department does not have the resources to patrol Havelock as they should. Can we who live and work in this area be assured our safety by local law enforcement? Perhaps a study should be done on police calls to our local Wal-Marts each day to determine if law enforcement has enough resources to handle the volumes of calls received.

Recent newspaper reports indicate that Wal-Mart is not the best employer. A lawsuit is currently pending by current and former employees stating that Wal-Mart has denied employees lunch breaks. This city has many fine employers who are good corporate citizens that treat employees with the respect they deserve. It has also been published that all Wal-Mart employes do not participate in insurance provided by Wal-Mart because they cannot afford it. Instead, many Wal-Mart employees rely on insurance and social programs provided by the state. Does Lincoln, Lancaster County and the State of Nebraska need to carry the burden of a substandard corporate citizen?



Another issue that still exists is the closeness in proximity of Wal-Mart to the church school. Moving a quarter to half mile down the road still does not take care of the problems associated with the school. How we can assure the safety of our children? A big box retailer such as a Wal-Mart Super Center would generate traffic in and around the neighborhood where children are pedestrians at certain times of the day.

Will traffic also be handled in such a way that the neighborhood will not be disturbed by a "big box" retailer? Can the neighborhood be assured that drivers will not take "short cuts" through their neighborhood to access the main arterial?

Will additional traffic signals and turn lanes be added between Adams and Havelock Avenue to accommodate traffic entering the neighborhood center? The road needs to be modified so it is as safe as it can be for all who travel. Remember, not all people who are traveling 84th Street will be visiting a big box retailer. Many people are those who live in the immediate neighborhood who have the right to travel safe roads to and from their home every day.

Is a solid plan in place to accommodate the volumes of additional traffic that will travel 84th Street to Wal-Mart? The corner of 84th and Adams currently poses a problem as it is land locked and the widening needed will interfere with the golf course and cemetery.

How will additional traffic on 84th Street affect Havelock Avenue? We as business owners in Havelock are proud of our historic designation. We are able to offer curbside parking to our valued customers. Historic Havelock has a small town feel and we would be concerned if our streets were ever widened and curbside parking was taken away to accommodate another route to 84th Street. We are currently witnessing the "dying" of a business district in University Place. Parking is not convenient for businesses on 48th Street. The proposed traffic pattern changes in University Place will make it even harder to access businesses. In the last two years at least 10 businesses in University Place have closed.

How will a Wal-Mart Super Center affect the proposed expansion of the Lancaster County Events Center? With the proposed development to the land near the events center, will the area be too congested and cluttered? Will the intersection of 84th and Havelock Avenue be able to accommodate additional traffic?

We are in favor of Lincoln Nebraska growing, but feel this location is not the best fit for a Wal-Mart Super Center or other big box retailer. Please deny Wal-Mart's request. Please keep the vision of a neighborhood center alive by allowing appropriately sized businesses for a neighborhood center to build and lease space instead. Thank you for your consideration.





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September 30, 2005



City Council Chairman Ken Svoboda City of Lincoln 555 So. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Chairman Svoboda:

I wanted to express my appreciation to you and your colleagues for hosting the joint Lincoln/Omaha City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 28th. Thank you for the hospitality and the terrific discussions we had at the meeting.

We covered a broad range of topics and the two hours quickly passed. I honestly felt that this was the best joint meeting I have been to in my tenure as an Omaha City Council member.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Welch

City Council President

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Dear City Council members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to another Wal-Mart in Lincoln. Two is enough, if not too many. Vote "NO" to anymore Wal-Marts in Lincoln.

As you all know, Wal-Mart is the largest retailer in the World. Much of its business practices demonstrate it's not above seeking to become one of just a few retailers in the entire world.

Wal-Mart has demonstrated, similar to most multi-national corporations, it feels no loyalty to the communities where it builds its stores — none! Its corporate staffs have no problem with lobbying or suing communities to force rezoning of areas within cities or smaller organized communities to build its box stores on inexpensive real estate. One difference between many other multi-national corporations and Wal-Mart is the much lower wages paid by the latter.

We tax payers, not Wal-Mart or the developer, would pay for the additional road construction required. That is the typical pattern with Wal-Mart developments. There would be needless traffic congestion resulting from the existence of such a huge, big-box-retail operation. And, as I understand, the so-called revised square footage and latest survey indicate even more traffic than an earlier survey. Impact studies show that Wal-Mart stores require more services than are offset by the taxes collected.

The proposed current location in Lincoln could devastate businesses in near by Havelock — one of the oldest communities in the Lincoln area. Local independent businesses are some of the best neighbors in supporting communities. Historically, Wal-Mart is not a good neighbor. Its "charity work" is primarily volunteer hours contributed by its low-wage employees. Its fiscal contributions to local charities or to nation-wide charities aren't remotely comparable to the revenue it sucks out of communities. The anapple form functionally for the functionally for the functional of the property of the property

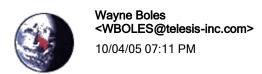
Listen to the affected community and remember you, the city council, in May 2005 knew then what you must remember now. The community affected by a Wal-Mart at 84th St and Adams, or anywhere near the proposed site, wants a neighborhood friendly development at that location – not a Wal-Mart. (Treatment of employees? See Saturday's Journal Star.)

Sincerely,

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Sources included *How Wal-Mart is Destroying America (and the world)*, Ten Speed Press, Box 7123, Berkely, CA 94702, copyright 2000, author: Bill Quinn.



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bcc

Subject Notification of Parking Rate Adjustments

Karl A. Fredrickson Director of Public Works and Utilities

Hi, Karl!

At the last meeting of the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee, our chair stated that he didn't want to come to any more meetings to learn that decisions had already been made. At that meeting, as you know, there was not unanimous agreement regarding the proposed changes in parking garage rates. There did not appear to be an exploration of alternate ways to enable future parkers to pay for future parking structures, i.e., bonds to be retired by the parking fees paid by the parkers which would be served by the bonded structures.

In this attached letter (inserted below), there is no mention of transportation between parking garages, as was discussed at the meeting. Have you inquired of our many car dealers if they would be willing to provide complimentary shuttle services between parking garages, on a rotating basis, in exchange for the privilege of sporting their advertising signage on their vehicles, as I suggested? If not, perhaps members of the parking committee could be used to make the overtures. We cannot, in my opinion, be suggesting that people commute to a different garage in the dead of winter, unless we provide the means. Last winter, I ended up on my back on 13th Street, just trying to creep to work on foot.

For some reason, although there are a number of unresolved issues on the table, the parking committee is not being called to meetings to work things out. Instead, this edict is published, which does not have broad support.

There are several unexplored issues regarding University Square Parking Garage alone. Larry Price donated the land under the University Square Garage to the City of Lincoln, with the understanding that reserved stalls would always be there for the residents of University Towers. It probably never occurred to Larry that the fees would be otherwise than reasonable. In spite of this agreement and Larry's expensive gift of land, the City once tried to cancel the agreement and was defeated in this attempt in court, with University Towers being represented by Charles Thone. University Towers residents are always current on paying for their stalls. University Towers residents cannot just release these stalls to the City and move cars to another garage because the resale values of their condominiums are affected by the availablility of nearby parking. Larry Price understood this and paid dearly for this consideration with the gift of expensive land. Punishing the residents of University Towers by charging ever higher fees is, therefore, unfair. I know that no one intends to be unfair and am suggesting that these facts be taken into consideration and that a more equitable proposal be developed.

If we are serious about trying to attract more downtown residents, it seems appropriate to use parking as an incentive, rather than awkwardly competitive and punitive.

Scott Miller, my colleague, who has spent considerable time studying parking here and elsewhere, states, "Residents do not currently pay the full BID fees, so why should residents pay the full commercial parking fees? Maybe some type of exemption for residential parking should be offered."

The argument that reserved stalls require more maintenance is bogus. At University Square we engage our own towing service for removal of violators, at no cost to the City.

Permanent reserved residential stalls in a parking garage actually create more business for the parking department from the visitors (relatives and friends) who come to visit the downtown residents.

Let's take another look at this, please. If we put our heads together, we can come up with something which is economically viable, logistically feasible and humanly equitable.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

Wayne

E. Wayne Boles (402) 434-5973

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TO: Parking Advisory Committee,

The attached *.pdf file is a notification letter to our monthly customers regarding the parking rate adjustments. Please feel free to forward the information.

(See attached file: Parking Rates Map.pdf)

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department.

Kenneth D. Smith City of Lincoln Public Works & Utilities 555 S. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

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10/06/05 08:03 AM

To Don dpearston@gmail.com>

cc campjon@aol.com, council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Re: Special Permit No. 05046 Appeal

Dear, Don Pearston: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy J. Grammer City Council Office 555 S. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508 Phone: 402-441-6867

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Subject Special Permit No. 05046 Appeal

Dear City Council,

I am appealing the vote by the City Planning Commion on special permit number 05046 (The lighthouse expansion on 26th and N Street).

I have attached my letter of appeal and hope that you will take a few minutes to understand our position against such an intrusion into our neighborhood-we hope that you will vote 'no' on this special permit.

Ps. The Woods Park Neighborhood Association gave testimony at the Planning Commissions hearing against such a proposal and we expect that they will make that official very soon.

Thanks,
Don Pearston, MA
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"I regret that I have but one life to give for my country"
Nathan Hale
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Pearston Family



 τ Phone (402) 217-4441 τ e-mail dpearston@gmail.com τ τ229 South 26th St., Lincoln, NE 68510 τ

Lincoln City Council,

I am writing in order to *appeal* the decision made by the planning commission that would issue the special building permit number 05046.

I live behind the Rape Spousal Abuse Center on South 26th, which, as per your vote earlier in the year permitted them to expand their operation into our neighborhood and most damaging for my family and I, their new parking facilities being constructed that will run down my property line. I was obviously very concerned when Lighthouse applied for a building permit that would demolish the two buildings across the street from my home and build a large complex with the entrance on our neighborhood street.

If this facility were to be built on N street exclusively we would not contest these plans as we understand N street is undergoing transformation. The problem lies in the fact that the second house from the southeast corner of 26th street and N streets is also scheduled to be demolished and used as the entrance. This is an obvious intrusion into our neighborhood and shows complete disregard for the many tenants and families in the area. Such plans would increase traffic dramatically, pedestrian activity and noise pollution. Currently from my home I can hear the kids playing outside the lighthouse, which is around the corner on N street. Imagine for a moment, your neighborhood, its quietness and place of stability, would you like such a facility to be built near your home? In short, we believe the Lighthouse should either upgrade their current facilities or relocate to a more suitable area-not our neighborhood.

The city has done many good things to foster growth and development in the downtown area, to include luring in homeowners that would clean up and improve the neighborhood. Issuing this building permit is not keeping in the spirit of fostering the improvement of these neighborhoods. When good tenants and families feel intruded upon they move out and the neighborhood once again can become crime filled and run down. Our neighborhood is a case in point. It has seen some very substantial improvements in the 5 years we have lived here and we hope for continued progress, with certainty, if this facility is permitted to be built we will see and immediate loss of quality neighbors and the progress we have made in the last several years will be lost.

I hope that you can appreciate that we have a nice and quiet neighborhood that is becoming a pleasant place to live, we hope that you will vote no on this special permit and allow our neighborhood to continue its progress in becoming a quality place to live.

Sincerely,

Don Pearston, MA

Note: I thought you might like to know why I will not be sending any more letters/e-mails/papers to anyone in Nebraska October 4, 2005

Re: Each Going Our Own Way In the Future

From: Ron Davis

Jeremy Davis 326 S. Balsam Lakewood, CO 80226

Michael & Stacey Davis 2352 N. Pierce Ave. Springfield, MO 65803

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Dear Sons,

Although it is unfortunate, (at least in my way of thinking), that you appear to want to keep remaining silent in terms of the generous offers that I have making toward you in working with me once I get my papers done), still, if that is your decision. then that is your decision. Now while many people may not realize why I will not give in to allowing myself to be denied the medical aid/treatment that I need due to my bad back, frequent headaches, and bad migraines, please let me explain this to you. If I were to give in and allow myself to voluntarily be denied the medical treatment that I need when my back hurts a lot and/or I am having a bad migraine, this would in effect be giving a form of credence to the type of crimes that have been committed against me for so long both here in Nebraska, as well as when I was in Colorado. And thus, whether you think I ever had problems with colon cancer or not just before my car accident, this really does not matter to me. For you see, in God's eyes, He knows that I truly thought I had colon cancer. And if I thought I had this form of cancer, (which I still believe today that I had it before God healed me of it), what difference does it make if others agree with me in these matters of not? Now throughout the New Testament, God keeps reminding us time after time that what He expects us to do is judge ourselves rightfully and not to try and judge what others are doing and why, (unless these people are confronted openly and honestly by their critics and still found to be living in a way that they needed to be corrected). Now in my case, I have never been confronted by anyone honestly about whether I had any real justifications for why I was acting as I did just before my car accident. Thus, nobody really had the right to prejudge me and then carry out the form of crimes that they committed against me while I was mentally disabled and without me being rightfully defended in a court of law.

Thus, since I consider that by your continued silence all of this time that I have been trying to get you two, Lesley, and Stacey to consider working with me once I get my business re-started are also joining with those who have been committing crimes against me for way too long, I will no longer think in terms of us working together again. For you see, at some time and in some way, I have to hold people accountable for what they have been doing to me for too long. And although this government does not appear to be willing to hold criminals such as Warren Buffett and Walter Scott guilty of how they have been running their businesses since well before my car accident, I guess the Justice Department will not be arresting them for the crimes that they have been committing against me either! But just because they do this, this does not mean that Warren and Walter, (and their sidekick David Sokol), should not be arrested and then placed in jail. But rather it just means that for whatever reason, our government is not willing to judge people in a more impartial manner if they are rich or in powerful positions versus if they are poor and disabled. But God is not mocked. So sooner or later, I also expect to see people within our government disciplined by God for playing "favoritism" too. At any rate, I am attaching a four page news article that I have had for some time which gives us another example of how people like Warren Buffett have been illegally doing insider trading. Thus, whether it is how Berkshire's own handful of well paid accountants work with fraudulent accounting numbers in summing up the partial accounting work that their independent accounting firm does each year, or whether they are over appreciating the equipment and business assets being carried on their books after a merger or acquisition in order to make them look more profitable, or whether they are just using a number of other hidden, but illegal, tactics in order to conduct business, at least now some of the ways that Warren and Walter have been able to make it look like Berkshire Hathaway was being so profitable all of these years, (but really were not), is finally being exposed to others. But as far as I go, I don't care of they have decided to be honest during these last few days or their lives or not. For they still need to be held accountable and serve their remaining days, months or years in a prison cell. Thus, this will be my last letter to you and Lesley and Stacey. For I have had enough of this type of "silent" attitude which allows people like those in the Protestant and Catholic denominations acted illegally against me. (when they should be arrested and placed in jail cells too).

One last thing. As I mentioned earlier, although it really does not matter to me if others think I ever had colon cancer and skin cancer or not, the fact that I thought I did is all that matters in God's eyes. For you see, if the wicked SBC and Catholic clergy people who already decided my fate before I could ever have a chance to get an honest person to defend me in a court of law would have confronted me with what they thought I was doing wrong, (as Scripture tells them that they have to do before taking action against me), then I would not be trying to still get the real criminals in all of this put in jail. But because people like Rep Tom Delay, certain Protestant leaders, and pious Catholic leaders all think they each do not have to follow Scripture. (nor that they will ever vbe held accountable for their crimes by our Justice Department), these people will one day receive from God what they truly deserve. And if God ever decides to carry out the vengeance against them that He promised me in Scripture that He would, (assuming that I did not try and carry out this vengeance for myself), I expect that my efforts in the future to make sure these people answer for their crimes against me will not need to be ever carried out. But until then, do not expect me to change in how I look at these matters. For I was willing to basically allow these criminal acts to go unanswered for during the first few years after my car wreck. But with all of this going on for so long, I would think that by now you would understand why I will not entertain working with people who keeping playing this silent routine towards me. Hour dad Ron



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Investigation of Insurance Puts Buffett in a Spotlight

The New York Times

By TIMOTHY L. O'BRIEN, The New York Times

(March 28) -- Over the last four decades, Warren E. Buffett has built Berkshire Hathaway into one of the world's largest and most successful insurers. Along the way, he has navigated the stock market with legendary prowess and offered folksy guidelines for proper corporate governance.

Now, with investigators on three continents examining Berkshire affiliates and a deadline looming tomorrow to respond to an Australian regulatory inquiry, Mr. Buffett's company is in the unfamiliar position of having to defend its integrity.

Berkshire insurance affiliates run by Mr. Buffett's most trusted deputies are involved in what investigators describe as possible financial manipulation at insurance giants like the American International Group and the Zurich Financial Services Group. Investigators are examining Berkshire transactions that they say helped lead to the collapse four



As inquiries grow, Buffett has defended Berkshire's integrity.

years ago of an insurance company involved in the biggest financial scandal in Australian history.

Investigators say they have traced many suspect transactions to a Berkshire subsidiary in Dublin, where at least two Berkshire executives who were recently banned from the Australian insurance market for engaging in abusive practices continue to work for the company.

Investigators are trying to determine the extent of Mr. Buffett's knowledge of the deals, which remains unclear. The involvement of other senior executives based in the United States, Ajit Jain and Joseph P. Brandon, and Ron Ferguson, a retired Berkshire insurance e

other senior executives based in the United States, Ajit Jain and Joseph P. Brandon, and Ron Ferguson, a retired Berkshire insurance executive, is also ur all three men oversaw insurance operations that sold products at the core of international regulatory scrutiny. None of the executives has been charged with wrongdoing.

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LO' Easy The broad investigation into the insurance industry has already brought down top execut other insurers, including Maurice R. Greenberg, the former chief executive of the America International Group. A.I.G. directors are nearing a decision to cut all ties to him. Among transactions, regulators are looking at a deal Mr. Greenberg struck in late 2000 with the Re Corporation, a unit of Berkshire Hathaway.

While many companies are being scrutinized, one person briefed on the various investigatescribed General Re as "at the center of the storm."

A Berkshire spokesman declined to respond to questions about the executives, their busi dealings or the investigations, other than to cite a statement from Berkshire's most receive report: "Operating decisions for the various Berkshire businesses are made by managers business units. Investment decisions and all other capital allocation decisions are made f Berkshire and its subsidiaries by Warren E. Buffett."

To the extent that the statement distances Mr. Buffett from Mr. Jain, Mr. Brandon, and M Ferguson – all of whom report or reported directly to him – it contrasts with Mr. Buffett's description in his 2001 shareholder letter about his interactions with Mr. Jain. "I have kn details of almost every policy that Ajit has written since he came with us in 1986," Mr. Bi wrote. "Ajit's business will ebb and flow – but his underwriting principles won't waver."

Mr. Buffett has successfully dealt with scandals in the past. Berkshire invested heavily in Salomon Brothers in 1987 and four years later, Mr. Buffett agreed to become the firm's i chairman in the wake of a Treasury trading scandal, and he quickly cleaned house. Altho best known for multibillion-dollar returns on investments in Coca-Cola, The Washington I Gillette and other concerns, his company, Berkshire, is an Omaha holding company that major insurers including National Indemnity and General Re.

Mr. Buffett, 74, is a self-described devotee of the insurance business who relishes the challenge of assessing risks and offering policyholders protection from daily mishaps like auto accidents to more exotic catastrophes like hurricanes. As Berkshire's insurance offerings have evolved, it has crafted ever more esoteric products that in theory exist to help users insulate themselves financially from the world's calamities. But in practice, law enforcement officials and regulators say, users have deployed these same products to manipulate corporate earnings or mask underlying financial woes.



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The Securities and Exchange Commission; the Justice Department; the New York attorne general, Eliot Spitzer; and regulators in Ireland, Britain and Australia are all shining inversionables on arcane products known as finite reinsurance - with General Re figuring in exthose investigations. Fitch Ratings, a firm that monitors insurers, criticized finite reinsurance recent report, noting that its "primary purpose is not true risk transfer in the traditional subt financial statement enhancement." Analysts and regulators said that investigations of improper use of finite reinsurance were still in their early stages but that in many instance suspect buck stopped at Berkshire's door.

"At the end of the day, in terms of the finite universe that Fitch is aware of, Berkshire Ha has deep roots into this market," said Michael J. Barry, a managing director at Fitch. "Th of the biggest sellers. And it's just not here in the U.S. It's global."

Reinsurance is protection insurers buy for themselves to limit their own exposure to larger Finite reinsurance is used to soften the impact of claims that may have to be paid out ov particularly long period. Investigators and regulators said that some reinsurers have use products as substitutes for bank loans, selling them to companies that want to artificially up their books.

The perils of that game have surfaced in charges of financial manipulation and a number prominent insurance failures. Australian regulators said that a troubled company named finite products to feign profitability shortly before HIH Insurance Ltd., a fast-growing Aus conglomerate, bought it in 1998. HIH later toppled beneath the weight of ill-considered acquisitions like FAI and other problems.

According to regulators, General Re, the Berkshire affiliate, sold suspect finite products t 1998 when Mr. Ferguson was the unit's chief executive. Another Berkshire unit, National Indemnity, sold a questionable finite product to FAI in 1998, when Mr. Jain was overseei unit. That transaction included a "side letter" that required FAI not to seek payment on t for three years. Regulators consider side letters red flags because they mitigate the risk in finite reinsurance – and essentially repackage the product as a short-term loan used to up an income statement.

Although Berkshire itself acquired General Re in 1998 after the first FAI transaction, Mr. served as General Re's chairman and chief executive from 1987 to 2001. He remained as chairman until retiring in 2002. Berkshire's Mr. Brandon, who joined General Re in 1989 became the insurer's chief financial officer in 1991, has been the unit's chief executive si 2001. When Mr. Ferguson was succeeded as chief executive by Mr. Brandon in 2001, Mr. offered praise for both men.

"Ron has exemplified integrity, professionalism and leadership," Mr. Buffett said at the ti selecting the people I want to work with and who have run businesses for me, I look for same qualities that I would want to see in a man who was going to marry my daughter. passes this test with flying colors.

"I have great confidence in Joe Brandon's leadership abilities," Mr. Buffett added, "reinsu expertise and financial skills, and look forward to working closely with him and General F generation of leaders."

Insurance premiums accounted for about \$21 billion of Berkshire's \$74.3 billion in reveni year. General Re represents one of Berkshire's four main insurance units and contributed third of the premiums Berkshire booked as revenue last year, but it has been plagued by underwriting losses in recent years.

In October, Australian regulators barred six General Re executives from the country's ins industry for improprieties related to the FAI transaction. Two of them, John Houldsworth Tore Ellingsen, continue to work for Cologne Re, a General Re division based in Dublin. In December, Australian regulators barred another General Re executive, Milan Vukelic, for deal, but reinstated him on appeal. Mr. Vukelic is now the chief executive of the Faraday a General Re unit based in London. Mr. Houldsworth, Mr. Ellingsen and Mr. Vukelic did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

Regulators and investigators said that most of Berkshire's questionable finite products sc Australia and elsewhere originated in a General Re division known as the "alternative sol group," which is based in Dublin. Ireland is among the world's friendliest jurisdictions for reinsurers, offering a regulatory environment that some analysts have criticized as overland forgiving. Ireland established a new monitoring agency, the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority, in 2003 in response to these concerns. Regulators said the agency currently investigating General Re's operations in Ireland.

Mr. Spitzer was in Dublin last week to give a speech on corporate governance. Mr. Spitze is investigating a questionable finite transaction between General Re and A.I.G. that orig Dublin in late 2000 and early 2001 and involved Mr. Ferguson. The attorney general's off the deal artificially increased A.I.G.'s premium reserves and helped it acquire another co Mr. Buffett and Mr. Greenberg, the former A.I.G. chief, have been friendly rivals over the and they banded together in an unsuccessful attempt to buy the portfolio of Long Term (Management, a hedge fund that rolled financial markets when it nearly collapsed in 1998)

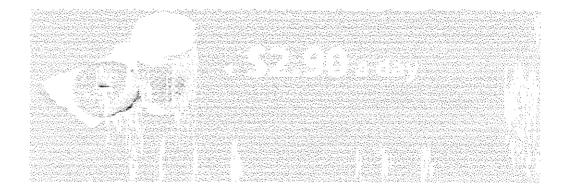
The S.E.C. and Mr. Spitzer's office issued subpoenas to Berkshire, General Re and Berksl other insurance affiliates in December and January. Other problems have cropped up for Re. It sold a questionable finite product to an Australian unit of Zurich Financial, a Swiss buffeted by financial woes, and Australian regulators are investigating that transaction. Financial spokesman confirmed the investigation but declined to comment other than to deal occurred between 2000 and 2002.

Australian regulators recently told General Re that the company has until tomorrow to st cause why it should not face further investigations for finite dealings in Australia. Meanw Justice Department is investigating General Re for questionable policies it sold to Recipro America, a failed malpractice insurer that operated in the South. Tennessee and Virginia regulators have also sued General Re for fraud, contending that the company sold finite to Reciprocal that masked financial problems at the company.

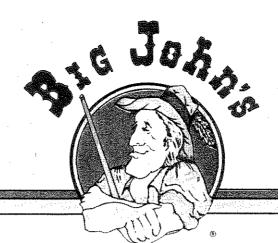
In addition to Fitch, Standard & Poor's, another major ratings agency, has voiced misgivi about finite reinsurance while also pointing out its belief that most finite products have it and important uses. A spokesman for the Reinsurance Association of America, an industr group, said that reinsurers were working with state regulators and law enforcement offic develop a response to the recent round of investigations but that the industry does not be that its accounting and disclosure practices need repair.

An individual with direct knowledge of Berkshire's finances said finite reinsurance accoun just 1 percent of the company's overall earnings and that the business does not propel it growth. So far, all the inquiries have not been much of a drag on Berkshire's stock. Even legal risks and possible damage to its reputation that Berkshire has incurred as a finite v may be costly.

"From an investigative perspective we're probably at the top of the fourth inning," said \(\) of Fitch. "There's a lot more that we expect to happen."



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"STRAIGHT SHOOTIN"

October 1, 2005

Lincoln City Council Ken Svoboda, Chair 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Councilmen Svoboda:

Please review this packet of information regarding the financial effect of the smoking ban on my business. The numbers show that the 22% of Lincoln citizens that smoke are the majority of the pool players.

I am asking the city council to consider an exemption or a license to allow smoking in the pool hall. Closing a popular business in an effort to make people quit smoking or to protect smokers from second-hand smoke is not valid reasoning.

Thank you for reading this information. I would like a response from you regarding my request.

Sincerely,

Will Prout



''STRAIGHT SHOOTIN''

October 1, 2005

Mayor Coleen J. Seng 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

CAPY

Dear Mayor Seng:

Laurie Anderson the manager of Big John's Billiards sent me the Journal Star article about the positive effect of the smoking ban on local bars & restaurants. We would like to share with you the negative effect the smoking ban is having on your local pool hall. As you can see from the revenue numbers, over half of Big John's weekly income is gone. The city ordinance banning smoking in the pool hall has caused this successful business to lose over half of its young clientele.

For over 21 years Big John's has provided quality entertainment and good paying jobs for thousands of Lincoln's university students and residents. Lincoln is losing a local landmark, a one of a kind business, a pool hall that participated in the Corn Husker Games for 8 years. Laurie is losing a great job. I am losing my business and my building tenant that was paying me \$6,000.00 per month in rent. What's the purpose of so much loss?

As Mayor of Lincoln you have the power and ability to help correct this unjust city ordinance by requesting some kind of exception, granted by a license or permit to allow smoking in some businesses. Businesses that cater to smokers, which is a legal activity, such as cigar bars, smoke shops and pool halls cannot survive in a smoke free environment. Please come out and walk into Big John's and you will see why this business is worth saving. As you can see, I have written to about everybody and nobody seems to care. Closing the pool hall by banning smoking was not the intent of the Lincoln City Council or the Lincoln voters. Can You Help Us?

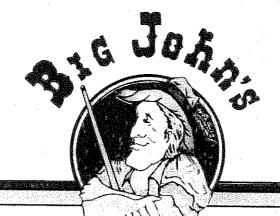
Sincerely,

Cc: Lincoln City Council Members

Will Prout, Owner-

Laurie Anderson, Manager

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"STRAIGHT SHOOTIN"

October 2, 2005

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel Lincoln Office Federal Building Room 294 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Senator Hagel:

My personal rights granted to me by our U. S. Constitution are not being protected by the Unicameral form of government that is making the Nebraska State Laws. Our ONE-PARTY Legislature has been High-Jacked by Special Interest Groups that are creating laws that discriminate.

A group of state senators and the Smoke Free Nebraska, GASP of Nebraska and the Tobacco coalitions have rewritten the State laws to make the operation of most liquor establishments that serve food illegal and not able to comply with state law.

After 25 years of operation it is now against state law to serve food in my smokers only pool hall. Most of my customers need to or would like to eat when consuming alcohol.

State Senator Nancy Thompson and the Tobacco Coalitions revised the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act in January 2003. They changed the definition of a BAR and a RESTAURANT and gave the city governments the power to pass ordinances that supersede State of Nebraska laws passed by the Unicameral Legislature.

Please review my documentation, WHO is representing ME.

What is happening to me and my business in Lincoln Nebraska is the majority rules at the expense of all others. Sorry we voted you out of business! This is not the American Way. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Will Prout, Owner, Non-Smoker



ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORS' AGENDA MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005

I. MAYOR

- 1. NEWS ADVISORY RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of October 8 through 14, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)
- 2. NEWS RELEASE RE: Mayor To Cut Ribbon On New Recycling Site (See Release)
- 3. NEWS RELEASE RE: Public Invited To Open House On Comprehensive Plan And Long Range Transportation Plan -(See Release)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE NONE
- B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS NONE
- C. MISCELLANEOUS NONE



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VISORY MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: October 7, 2005

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of October 8 through 14, 2005

Schedule subject to change

Sunday, October 9

2005 CROP Walk, proclamation - 1 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street

Monday, October 10

- United Nations Day, proclamation 1:15 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street
- Mayor's Award of Excellence, present award 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, October 11

- State Farm check presentation to Girl Scouts 11 a.m., State Farm regional offices
- Red Ribbon Week, remarks and proclamation 1 p.m., Nebraska Wesleyan University, field near basketball/volleyball building
- News conference on new crosswalk signals 2:45 p.m., northwest comer of 27th and Holdrege streets (rain location is Police substation at same corner)
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting 4:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
- Nebraska Realtors Association Inaugural Gala 6:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street

Wednesday, October 12

- Face the Chamber noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th Street
- Nebraska Army National Guard send-off ceremony 6 p.m., Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th Street

Thursday, October 13

- Economic Developers Conference, remarks 7:45 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th
- News conference 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable 4:30 p.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street
- East Campus Community Organization annual meeting 7 p.m., Warren United Methodist Church, 1205 North 45th Street

Friday, October 14

- YWCA Tribute to Women 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13th Street
- Lt. Col. Bob Thorson's retirement from Nebraska State Patrol 1:30 p.m., Department of Roads Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 7, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

MAYOR TO CUT RIBBON ON NEW RECYCLING SITE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will have a ribbon cutting for the City's newest recycling drop-off site at 3:15 p.m. TODAY, Friday, October 7. The site is located south of the fire station at 5435 N.W. 1st Street and serves residents in northwest Lincoln, including the Highlands and Fallbrook neighborhoods. The Mayor will be joined by students from Fredstrom Elementary School and East High student Derek Outson, who has been featured in the City's "do the right thing...do the recycle thing" education campaign.

"Recycling extends the life of valuable resources - resources that will be important for our kids in the future," said Mayor Seng. "This is one of 23 sites around the City and Lancaster County that make it easy for residents to 'do the right thing."

The 23 recycling sites accept newspapers; residential mixed paper such as junk mail and magazines; cardboard; aluminum and tin cans; clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars; and plastic # 1 and #2 containers. The City also operates five recycling sites for newspaper only.

In the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the City received 6,550 tons of recyclables, an all time high for the volume of material collected at the recycling drop-off sites. For a listing of the recycling drop-off sites and the types of material accepted at the sites contact the recycling hotline at 441-8215; visit the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle); or see pages 42 through 44 in the blue pages of the Alltel phone directory.



NEWS RELEASE

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LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

555 South 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7491, fax 441-6377

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 7, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department, 441-6374

PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Resident of Lincoln and Lancaster County are invited to an open house on the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12 at the Gere Branch Public Library, 2400 South 56th Street. The open house will include a brief presentation at 5 p.m. on drafts of the Urban Growth Tier map and the Future Land Use map.

The City-County Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the maps at its regular meeting Wednesday, October 26. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street. The Planning Commission is scheduled to take action on the maps following the hearing.

At the open house, representatives from several departments and divisions – including Planning, the Lincoln Water System, Wastewater and Engineering – will be available to meet with the public.

The draft Urban Growth Tier map takes a very long-term look at the areas where Lincoln will grow between now and the year 2030 and beyond. It has identified more than 200 square miles for the future expansion of Lincoln. There are currently about 83 square miles inside the City limits.

The draft Future Land Use map shows future areas for urban residential, commercial and industrial uses in Lincoln. It also displays environmentally sensitive areas for protection in the future. In the area generally three miles outside of Lincoln, some areas for future low-density residential or agricultural uses are shown. The map will be used to model future traffic generation and for discussion of transportation alternatives.

The process of updating the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and LRTP will take about 12 more months to complete. For more information on the Comprehensive Plan and LRTP, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and click on the Planning Department link.